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CATALOG NO. 4550L 1/5

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed March 20, 1939Call letters W J L S

PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC. (AL 5-26-67 EFF: 7-1-67)

LOCATION: BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

(Mr. Joe L. Smith, Sr., attorney-in-fact, for period not to exceed 6 months after cessation of hostilities or licensee's separation from armed service of the U.S., whichever is earlier - Granted 9-29-42)

xJOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (AL 7-6-48; EFF: 8-1-48)

Name of licensee x JOE L. SMITH, JR.

Ginkel Parkway, Beckley, West Virginia (BP-10-6-76)

xGinkel Parkway, East Beckley, West Virginia (BL-11-7-60)

xEast Beckley, W. Va. (CP 10-4-46)

Transmitter location xTeel Road, 1.5 miles N.W. of Beckley, West Virginia (C.P. &amp; MP 1-17-39) Licensed 3-20-39

ZIP 25801

WJLS Bldg., Main &amp; N. Kanawha Sts., (Ltr. 1-30-56) (Redescri.)

x101 1/2 Main St., Beckley, West Virginia (Ltr. 4-15-40 St. renumbered)

Main studio location x3 Main Street, Beckley, West Virginia (C.P. &amp; MP 1-17-39) Lic. 3-20-39



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	DATE ISSUED	FREQ.	POWER	TIME Div.	PERIOD	
					From—	To—
Letter B2-P-1961	10-11-38 Eff. 10-21-38	1210	100w, 250w-LS	U	Subject to trans. site and antenna. New station at Beckley, West Virginia	
B2-P-1961	1-17-39	1210	100w, 250w-LS	U	3-17	9-17-39
	C.P. for new station at Beckley, W. Va. Mod. C.P. for approval of trans. site; changed authorized equipment.					
B2-L-921	3-20-39	1210	100w, 250w-LS	U	3-20	12-1-39
	Lic. to cover C.P. for new station					
B2-ML-675	8-8-39	1210	250w	U	8-8	12-1-39
	Mod. License to increase night power					
B2-R-996	11-14-39	1210	250w	U	12-1	10-1-40
B2-S-996	5/20/40	1210	250w	U	5/1	8/1/40
Order	6/12/40	Extension of License		8/1	10/1/40	
Order	9-10-40	Extension of license		10-1	3-29-41	
NARBA REALLOCATION						
B2-R-996	3-24-41	1240	250w	U	3-29	10-1-41
B2-Z-1043	6-26-41	1240	250w	U	6-26	10-1-41
	Determine operating power by direct measurement					
B2-R-996	9-23-41	1240	250w	U	10-1	10-1-42
B2-S-996	9-15-42	Extension of license		10-1	11-1-42	
B2-R-996	10-6-42	1240	250w	U	10-6	4-1-43
B2-S-996	11-6-42	1240	250w	U	12-1	4-1-43
	Mod. Lic. accordance Order 107					
B2-R-996	3-23-43	1240	250w	U	4-1	4-1-45
B2-P-2752	9-14-44	560	100w, 250w-LS	U	11-14	5-14-45
	C.P. change frequency and power (Cond'l Clause)					
B2-L-1843	12-11-44	560	100w, 250w-LS	U	12-11	5-1-46
B2-Z-1647	License to cover CP 2752 for change in freq. and power, and authority determine operating power by direct measurement					
B2-S-996	9-25-45	560	100w, 250w-LS	U	10-1	5-1-46
	Mod. Lic. Order 107A					
B2-S-996	4-25-46	Extension of license		5-1	7-1-46	
B2-R-996	5-24-46	560	100w, 250w-LS	U	5-24	5-1-49



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# BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Date first licensed .....

Call letters ..... W J L S

Name of licensee .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To--
B2-P-3943 Letter 10-11-46 CP	10-4-46	560	500w*1kw-LS	U	
	granted for increase in power, new T, *DA for night use and change T site subject to filing supplementary information with respect to ground system.				
B2-P-3943	10-4-46	560	500w*1kw-LS	U	12-4 6-4-47
	CP issued for increase in power, new T, *DA-N and change T site				
BMP-2730	5-15-47	Mod. C.P.(3943) for extension of completion date.			12-4 8-4-47
BL-2505 BZ-2324	8-22-47	560	500kw* 1kw-LS	U	8-22 5-1-49
	Lic. to cover CP 3943 as mod.) for increase in power, new T, *DA-N, change T site and determine operating power by direct method.				
BAL-721 EFF:	7-6-48 8-1-48	Vol. assignment of License from Joe L. Smith, Jr. to JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED.			
BR-996	4-6-49	560	*500kw 1kw-LS	U	5-1 5-1-52
			*DA-N		
BS-996	7-18-49	560	500w*, 1kw-LS	U	7-18 5-1-52
			*DA-N		
	Mod. of Lic. to correct antenna base current ratios as given in DA specs.				
BS-996	3-26-51	560	500w*1kw-LS	U	3-26 5-1-52
			*DA-N		
	Mod. lic. changing description of monitoring point 3 and field intensity.				
BR-996	4-17-52	560	500w 1kw-	U	5-1 10-1-54
			LS-DA-N		
BP-8472	2-11-53	560	500w, 5kw-LS	U	4-11-53 10-11-53
			DA-N		
	CP to increase daytime power and install new transmitter (COND'L CLAUSE)				
BMP-6140 (1)	4-3-53	MP (BP-8472) to change type daytime trans. (COND'L CLAUSE)			6-3 12-3-53
BL-5036 (1)	7-14-53	Lic. cover CP (BP-8472, as mod. inc. day power. install new trans. for day use.			7-14 10-1-54



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Date first licensed .....

Call letters **WJLS** .....Name of licensee **JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED** .....

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BR-996	9-22-54	560kc	500w-5-kilo* U *LS-DA-N		10-1 10-1-57
BRC-874 (1)	12-16-55	Mod. of lic. to op. trans. by remote control from 101 Main St., WJLS Bldg., Main & Kanawah Sts., Beckley, W.VA., while using non-directional antenna.			
BR-996	9-11-57	560kc	500w-5-kilo* *LS-DA-N (U)		10-1 10-1-60
BR-996	9-14-60	RENEWAL OF LICENSE			10-1 10-1-63
BL-8117 (1)	11-7-60	Lic. to use pres. lic. (GATES, Type X BC-5B) trans. for day and night operation (ONE TRANS)			
BZ-4724 (2)	12-21-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.			
BR-996	9-24-63	560kc	500w, 5kw DA-N -LS	Unl RC Day	10-1 10-1-66
BS-996 (1)	7-6-65	Mod. of Lic. to delete RC oper. of trans. from studio loc.			
BS-996	4-25-66	560kc	500w, 5kw Mod of lic to chg description of field intensity. (Memo) <i>Monitoring Site</i>	U DA-N	3-25 10-1-66
BR-996	9-30-66	Renewal of License			10-1 10-1-69
BAL-6057 EFF: 7-1-67	5-26-67	Voluntary assignment of license to PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.			
TELEGRAM	10-17-67	PSA	500w		
TELEGRAM	12-12-67	PSA (REVISED) 1420w			
BR-996 (L)	12-24-69	Renewal & NDEA			10-1-72
BL-7366(L)	2-4-70	Direct Measurement			10-1-72
BR-996(1)	10-26-70	ML redescrbe 59° monitor point.			
DTC-6477	1-27-71	VOL. TC	EFF: 1-28-71		
BRC-3522 (2)	7-6-71	Mod. of lic. to operate by RC <i>NON-DAT</i>			
EBSA	5-25-72				



Form BC 126

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## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

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Call letters ..... W J L S

Station location ..... Beckley, W. Va.

Name of licensee ..... Personality Stations, Inc.

Transmitter location .....

Main studio location .....



# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BRC-3545(3)	5-23-72	ML to operate trans.	by RC.	DA	
BR-996(L)	9-19-73	RENEWAL			10-1-75
Comlet	6-21-74	Ant. monitor Potomac Inst.	AM-19(204)		
BR-996(S)	9-12-75	RENEWAL			10-1-78
Ltr.	11-5-75	Trans. now being installed Gates MW-5 (Main)			
BS-996(L)	4-23-76	ML correct Non-DA tower number to NE#2 560khz 500w, 5kw-LS DA-N RC			U 10-1-78
BP-20650	10-6-76	CP to install a new aux. transmitter GATES BC-1H, <del>560khz 500w, 1kw-LS DA-N</del> RC			10-6-77
BL-14,377(L)	3-27-78	Lic. to cover BP-20,650 for New Auxiliary transmitter GATES BC-1H			10-1-78
BL-14,377(L)	3-27-78	Page 1, superseded to show current and resistance for daytime			1-1-78
BR-996	9-14-78	(S) REN.OF LIC.(MAIN & AUX.TRANS)			10-1-81



## APPLICATION RECORD—BROADCASTING

Call letters **WJLS**  
**NEW**

Name **JOE L. SMITH, JR.**

FILE No.	DATED	P.O. 124 Woodlawn Ave., Beckley, W. Va. ACTION APPLICATION FOR—		
			NATURE	DATE
B2-P-1961	10-6-37	C.P. for new station to be operated on: Frequency - 1210 kc Power - 100w; 250w-LS Time -- unlimited Studio- 1 Main St., Beckley, W. Va. Trans.- to be determined, in or near, Beckley, W. Va.	Ex. Rept. I-641 Doc. 4905 GRANTED Min. 10-11-38 Effective 10-21-38 Trans. site and antenna Letter written Issued with MP-723 1-17-39	
B2-MP-723	10-29-38	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-1961) for equipment changes, changes in antenna, and approval of trans- mitter at Teal Road, 1.5 miles N.W. Beckley, W. Va., and studio at 3 Main St., Beckley, W. Va.	<del>Revised</del> Granted	<del>11-1-38</del> 1-17-39
Resubmitted B2-L-921	11-4-38 3-1-39	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-1961) as modified for a new station.	Granted	3-20-39
B2-M-675	6-28-39	Mod of license to increase power from 100w; 250w-LS to 250 watts day and night.	Granted	8-8-39



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Name JOE L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-996	9-25-39	Renewal of license	Granted	11-14-39
B2-P-2752	2-8-40	C.P. to install new transmitter, D.A. night use, change freq from 1210 kc to 900-kc, and increase power from 250w to 1kw. <del>RE changes in D.A.</del>	B-199, Docket #5972 ORDER of Grant Min. #415	9-14-44
Amended	8-22-40		subj. permittee submit proof of performance showing minimum eff. field intensity of 150 mv/m for 1 kw.	
Rec'd	8-24-40			
Amended	4-12-41	<del>To request 640 kc, Class II, changes in D.A. &amp; equipment, request limited time to 13 at Los Angeles, Calif, D.A. from 33 Beckley to 33 Los Angeles.</del>		
Rec'd	4-18-41			
Filed	4-18-41	<del>335's filed 6-4-41</del>		
Amended	9-15-41	<del>Re: to request fee of \$1000, contingent on</del>		
Rec'd	9-17-41	<del>WKC, going to new frequency.</del>		
Filed	9-17-41	<del>6-1-42 rec'd petition &amp; amendment to app. re Com. Memo. Opinion of 4-27-42</del>		
Amended	5-21-42	Re: To request 560 kc, and change in power from 250w to 100w-N, 250w-LS		
received	6-1-42			
filed	6-1-42	form 335 filed, 6-4-41.		



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Name

JOE L. SMITH JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-996	5-17-40	Renewal of license	Granted	3-24-41
			1240 kc.	250w.U.
B2-Z-1043 Received	5-26-41 5-29-41	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement. Form 335 filed 6-9-41	Granted	6-26-41
B2-R-996	7-14-41	Renewal of license, forms 335 filed.	Granted	9-23-41
B2-R-996	8-25-42	Renewal of license, forms 335 Filed by W. Theodore Pierson atty.	Granted	10-6-42
B2-R-996	1-29-43	Renewal of license, forms 335 Filed by W. Theodore Pierson atty.	Granted	3-23-43





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FILE No.	DATED	APPLICATION FOR—	ACTION	
			NATURE	DATE
B2-L-1843 Rec'd Filed	11-11-44 11-15-44 11-28-44	License to cover C.P. (B2-P-2752) which authorized change in frequency and power  and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power (Filed by W. Theodore Pierson, Atty.) Grant R. Wrathall, Engr. 335's filed	Granted	12-11-44
B2-Z-1647 Rec'd Filed	11-11-44 11-15-44 11-28-44			
B2-P-3943 Rec'd Filed	8-16-45 8-25-45 8-25-45	C.P. to increase power from 100w, 250w-LS to 500w, 1kw-LS, install new transmitter and D.A. for night use, and change transmitter location from Teel Rd., 1.5 mi. N.W. of Beckley, W. Va., to East Beckley, W. Va. (Filed by W. Theodore Pierson, Atty.; Grant R. Wrathall, Engr.)	GRANTED subject filing supplementary information with respect of ground system Letter 10-11-46 Issued as of 10-4-46	10-4-46



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W J L SName JOE L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
B2-R-996 Rec'd	2-23-46 3-1-46	Renewal of license Filed by Harrison Slaughter atty.	Granted	5-24-46
BMP-2730 Rec'd Filed	5-6-47 5-8-47 5-8-47	Mod. of C.P. (B2-P-3943, which authorized increase in power, new transmitter, DA-N and change in transmitter site) for extension of completion date from 6-4-47 to 8-4-47.  (Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Atty.)	GRANTED	5-15-47



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W J L S

JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED (AL 7-6-48)

Name x JOE. L. SMITH, JR.

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-2505 Rec'd Filed	6-2-47 6-11-47 6-11-47	License to cover C.P.(B2-P-3943, as mod.,) which authorized increase in power, new transmitter, DA-N and change in transmitter site.  and Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power.  (Harrison T. Slaughter, Atty.C.Phyll Horne, Engr.)	GRANTED	8-22-47
BZ-2324 Rec'd Filed	6-2-47 6-11-47 6-11-47			
BAL-721 Rec'd Filed	4-15-48 4-16-48 4-16-48	Voluntary Assignment of License from Joe L. Smith, Jr. to Joe L. Smith, Jr., Incorporated. Ralph L. Walker, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-6-48 8-1-48



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W.I.L.S.Name JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-996 Rec'd	1-29-49 2-7-49	Renewal of License (Robert E. Hodson, Atty.)	GRANTED	4-6-49
BR-996 Rec'd Filed	1-15-52 1-21-52 1-21-52	Renewal of license  Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	Granted	4-17-52
EP-8472 Rec'd Filed	4-18-52 4-22-52 4-22-52	Construction permit to increase daytime power from 1kw to 5kw and install a new transmitter (RCA BTA-5F).  Ralph L. Walker, Atty. A. D Ring, Engr.	GRANTED re blanketing clause	2-11-53



APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters **W J L S**

Name **JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BMP-6140 Rec'd Filed	2-17-53 2-19-53 2-19-53	Modification of construction permit (BP-8472, which authorized increase in daytime power and installation of a new transmitter) to use presently licensed 1kw transmitter (W.E. 443A-1) as a main transmitter for night use and change type of 5kw daytime transmitter (Gates BC-5B). (Two main transmitters).  Ralph L. Walker, Atty. A. J. Ginkel, Engr.	GRANTED	4-3-53
BL-5036 Rec'd Filed	5-4-53 5-8-53 5-8-53	License to cover construction permit (BP-8472, as modified) which authorized increase in daytime power and installation of new transmitter for daytime use (two main transmitters).  Robert E. Hodson, Atty. Howard T. Head, Engr.	GRANTED	7-14-53



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Letters **WJLS**

Name **JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-996 Rec'd Filed	6-28-54 7-6-54 7-6-54	Renewal of License Filed by Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-22-54
BRC-874 Rec'd Filed	12-9-55 12-12-55 12-12-55	Modification of license to operate transmitter by remote control from 101½ Main Street, WJLS Building, Main & N. Kanawah Streets, Beckley, West Virginia, while using non-directional antenna. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	12-16-55
BR-996 Rec'd Filed	6-17-57 6-27-57 6-27-57	Renewal of License. Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-11-57
BR-996 Rec'd Filed	6-17-60 6-30-60 6-30-60	Renewal of license Atty: Robert E. Hodson	GRANTED	9-14-60



## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters **W J L S**Name **JOE L. SMITH, JR., INCORPORATED**  
**Beckley, West Virginia**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-3117 Rec'd Filed	8-19-60 8-22-60 8-22-60	License to use presently licensed (Gates, Type BC-5B) transmitter for day and night operation. (One Transmitter) Atty's: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	11-7-60
BZ-4724 R. & F.	6-4-62 6-11-62	Authority to determine operating power by direct measurement of antenna power. Atty- Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	12-21-62
BR-996 Rec'd Filed	6-11-63 7-1-63 7-1-63	Renewal of License  Robert E. Hodson, Atty.	GRANTED	9-24-63
BR-996 R & F	6-13-66 6-29-66	Renewal of License Atty. Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	9-30-66
BAL-3057 R & F (Form 316)	5-4-67 5-9-67	Voluntary assignment of license to PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.  Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF:	5-26-67 7-1-67
9-11-68. Commission issued notice of apparent liability for \$1,000 for rule violations.				



FORM BC-121  
AUG. 1955

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Letters W J L S

Name PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.  
BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-996 R & F 0525027 \$75 P.N. filed PRESS	6-10-69 6-27-69 6-27-69 6-27-69 JUL 7 1969	Renewal of license Atty. Pierson, Ball & Dowd (Robert E. Hodson)	GRANTED	12-24-69
BZ-7366 R & F AMENDMENT DM	5-29-69 6-3-69 12-10-69 12-19-69	Direct Measurement. Engineering JAN 28 1970	GRANTED	2-4-70
BTC-7477 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #656252 CODE 053 (Form 316) ALSO SEE FM WBKW	1-7-71 1-12-71 #656252 JAN 20 1971	Voluntary transfer of control of lic corp from Joe L. Smith, Jr., Inc. to Joe L. Smith, Jr. Atty - Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED EFF:	1-27-71 1-28-71



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Letters W J L S

Name PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.  
Beckley, West Virginia

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BRC-3522 R & F #508738 \$50 Acc. 067 Press <b>JUL 13 1971</b>	6-4-71 6-17-71 6-17-71	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from WJLS Bldg., Main & N. Kanawha Streets, Beckley, West Virginia, during non-directional hours only.	GRANTED	7-6-71
BRC-3545 R & F #008749 \$50 Acc. 067 Press <b>OCT 14 1971</b>	9-28-71 10-1-71 10-1-71	Mod. of license to operate transmitter by remote control from WJLS Building, Main & North Kanawha Street, Beckley, West Virginia. <i>DA-N</i> Atty: Harrison T. Slaughter	GRANTED	5-23-72
BR-996 R & F PN R <sup>cd</sup> . PRESS <b>JUL 13 1972</b>	6-9-72 7-3-72 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE Brian A. Johnson, Atty. AMENDED 11-30-72 re: employment policy	GRANTED	9-19-73



Form BC-121  
September 1969

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Letters W J L SName PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.  
BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-996 R & F PN Recd. PRESS JUN 25 1975	5-30-75 6-2-75 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	9-12-75
BP-20,650 R & F \$100-604925 AC-001 SEP 2 1976	7-30-76 8-13-76 8-13-76	CP to install a new aux. trans. Gates BC-1H, with <del>max</del> 500w, 1kw-LS, DA-N  Atty: John J. Duffy (Person, Ball & Dowd)	GRANTED To:	10-6-76 10-6-77
BL-14,377 R & F PTA PRESS NOV 30 1977	8-4-77 8-9-77 11-3-77	Lic. to cover BP-20,650 for new auxiliary transmitter	GRANTED	3-27-78



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## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Call  
Letters W J L SName PERSONALITY STATIONS, INC.  
BECKLEY, WEST VIRGINIA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-996	5-15-78	RENEWAL OF LICENSE (MAIN & AUX. TRANS.)		
R & F	5-18-78			
PRESS	JUN 2 1978	John J. Duffy, Atty.	GRANTED	9-14-78
BR-810528UF		Renewal of License		
PRESS: JUL 21 1981		Atty: Pierson, Ball & Dowd	GRANTED	10-22-81



## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

